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A Legend.

The John Day river in Eastern Oregon, has, through long centuries of erosion, cut a narrow channel several hundred feet deep, extending from the Columbia river far back into the interior. The canyon is considered one of the richest fossil fields on the Pacific Coast. There is a curious Indian legend as to the formation of this canyon.

Many years ago, long before the advent of the white man, this section of the country was inhabited by a powerful band of Indians, perhaps the same tribe that is now known as the Umatillas. The chief of the tribe was Eagle Feather, a man known far and wide as a mighty warrior, and at the same time a man of rigid justice and honesty. He had a son, a strong, lith and handsome young man, who was the pride of his father's life and the old chief had many pleasant visions of a powerful warrior who should rule in his place after he had gone to the Fathers. But one day as the young man was hunting some distance away, he came upon a beautiful Indian maiden of another tribe and immediately fell in love with her. Thereafter, much to the disgust of his father, he lost all interest in hunting and fishing and everything that made a warrior great. The old chief scolded and threatened, but to no effect, and finally, in desperation prayed the Great Spirit to separate the two so they could never see each other again. That night the heavens were dark, the rain fell in sheets, and the breath of the Great Spirit shook the

earth. When the sun arose clear in the eastern sky the next morning, the Indians looked from their tepees on a deep narrow chasm, from whose depth came the muffled roar of a raging torrent. The young man, separated from the object of his love, paced disconsolately up and down the brink of the chasm. At last he sat down on the side of a large boulder and there remained all day in stoical silence. And even after the shades of night had settled down and the full moon had risen in the eastern sky, shedding its mellow light over the earth, he still sat gazing toward the home of his loved one. But the next morning he was not to be seen, and, although the old chief in his sorrow searched the country for miles around, he was never seen afterwards. And there are Indians still living near the same place, who will tell you that if you will station yourself a little distance from the boulder some evening when the moon is full, you may see the spirit of the young man come from behind the rocks and take its place on the boulder and there remain until the morning light dispels the shadows. And if you listen closely when a slight breeze rustles the leaves, you may hear a low, heart-breaking moan.

An Hour With Nature.

Late one afternoon in November I stood near the summit of Chehalem mountain. The day was perfect; the sun was shining brightly; the air was pure and chilly, giving one new life and a clearer vision.

Before me and laying to the southward was the broad and beautiful valley of the Willamette. Groves of dense dark-green firs dented the landscape, orchards

in rich golden dress were at my feet; winding streams, bordered by trees robed in their autumnal hues, threaded the valley; broad and fertile fields lay before me. In the midst of this beautiful landscape one could see the silvery Willamette wending its way on toward the sea. As I beheld this beautiful stream I thought how true the words of the Oregon poet:

"Onward, ever lovely river
Calling to the far off sea
Time that scars us—
Maims or mars us
Leaves no track or trench on thee."

The dweller of the Tiber may sing of his sunny Italy; the inhabitants of the Fatherland may praise the glories of the Rhine, but to the Son of Oregon there can be nothing more beautiful than the valley of the Willamette.

After feasting my eyes and thoughts on the beauty and grandeur that lay before me I started for the summit; on reaching it I paused under a large lone fir that in silence seemed to guard this picturesque height.

As I looked toward the eastward, there stood in all its grandeur, that silent, majestic sentinel of the Cascades, Mt. Hood. This great masterpiece of nature standing forth in all its massive greatness and rugged beauty would have made a study for the skilled painter or the theme of a master poet. Towering above its sister peaks it was kissed by the last rays of the sinking sun, manteling its snowy slopes with the deepest rosy tints and golden shades. As I continued gazing at this pride of Oregon, I thought of the words of the poet concerning this majestic snow-covered peak:

"Emblem of the ages perished: Type of the time to be!
Stilled by a death eternal, firm in the strength of time
Bearing unworded witness of God and the life sublime.

Mute in the hush of ages—pulsing with songs unsung,
 Thou speakest a silent language with more than mortal tongue.
 Why should the soul of mortal blind in thy presence stand,
 When the image of God is graven in the work of His holy hand?"

The sun was now fast sinking below the western horizon. The mountain's rugged outline was beginning to wane and grow less vivid. The rosy tints began to fade and soon its majestic heights were enshrouded in the robes of night. I turned to the valley, once more to view its varied beauties but the vesper veil had been drawn and woodland and meadow were blended as one.

R. W. R. '07.

A Sketch.

The moon rose softly over the eastern hills, revealing by its mellow rays, a couple seated hand in hand on the broad stone steps. The cool evening breeze fanned the flushed face of the maiden while both remained silent listening to the distant herdbells. Finally he broke the long silence with the simple question: "Beautiful night isn't it, dear?" "Yes, father," she answered softly.

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Yes, "Shoo Fly" will suffice when nothing else can be said.

It is painful to note the methods some institutions, for instance a so-called university is forced to employ, in order to give a little newspaper notoriety. And the most pitiable part is the fact that they are unable to do so legitimately. If unfairness and misrepresentation in athletics constitute true college glory, kindly credit the Washington county institution with a double portion.

There are two classes of students formed in every college who hold exactly opposite but equally erroneous views as to how they may gain most from a college education. One of these is the class which sees no

duty or feels no responsibility other than the preparation of his daily lessons. The other is composed of individuals who are too fully aware that they can't get it all from books and who are ever ready to banish all thoughts of study to see that they get their share of every good thing that comes along. The former will doubtless graduate and leave an enviable record upon the pages of the "big book" kept in some secret drawer of the office desk, but this will be the only record he leaves. A school composed wholly of his kind would be short lived. If he takes no more interest in the activities of the world than in those of his school he will amount to no more than a cipher to the society that needs his aid. Those of the second class may find too late that they neglected that which is of chief importance and will be unable to finish the race because of the over burden they attempted to carry. Literary work, athletics, a college paper and Christian associations are all factors which must be supported and the exclusive lesson fiend and grade seeker should improve his opportunity to boost them along. The student of limited capacity and unlimited willingness should learn to measure his ability and attempt no more than he can master.

Football Booster.

(A letter from Umpire Vickrey written at Salem while there with the Newberg Amateur football team.)

Mr. _____

Newberg, Ore., Dear sir:—Arrived here alright but have had several troubles already. We have just finished dinner. Ellis says he can't go into the game this afternoon because he didn't have any potatoes for

dinner. When Williams washed before dinner he said he saw a pretty girl. Hadley thought so too, for he went back and washed nine times. Moore put on his suit just after he got here and is at present playing checkers on the front porch with the proprietor. Saunders says there is a conviviality of spirits between him and St. Johns and I suppose they have been drinking. Williams was singing before dinner and cracked his voice. He is now down at the blacksmith shop having it riveted. Manager Chris Smith lines up every half hour and calls the roll to make sure that none of his players have taken advantage of Salem's hospitality by patronizing the charitable institutions maintained just out of town. Hutchens went out to the field and marked off a place for a 20 yard run but he is back now and reading the hotel register. Capt. Jo Hollingsworth went to buy postal cards and it took the whole team an hour to find him. He was just a block from the hotel and couldn't get back. The manager now has him locked in the bath room where he is loudly engaged in calling signals.

They are treating us fine here. The governor and mayor have just left and we expect to have a box at the theater tonight. Will write more after the game.

Yours,

P. H. VICKREY.

Salem, Oregon, 11, 24, '06.

Locals.

Have you chosen your oration subject? If you have hand it to Prof. Woodward.

Prof. Crumly showed by his two enthusiastic chapel talks on Colorado, that he still has fond memories of that state. However it speaks well for Oregon

that he is willing to remain here contentedly.

Jay Mitchell a member of the class of '10 has been taken to Portland for an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to say that he stood it well and is improving rapidly.

Charles Burrows a '00, graduate of P. C. visited college October 26.

Mrs. Douglas—"What is the middle realm? Bright Freshman—"Pergatory."

Lewis Saunders a member of the class of '06 visited college November 20th.

President in Phsychology, "Does time pass faster as we grow old? I don't exactly know who is the class to ask that." Clem, quickly, "Yes, it does." President, "Perhaps you'll all be able to appreciate that before very long."

"And the cat came back"—in the girls' club the other evening.

It has been hurrying some of the members of the Geology class to meet at 8:15 in the morning.

Frank Billington was excused from German class!!!

Katherine Romig went to Portland November 7th to hear Ellen Beach Yaw, the famous soprano singer.

Edna Forsythe was absent from school a number of days on account of illness.

Mrs. D. in German asked Chester what dic (dear) meant. He answered, "you, I guess."

Perry Macy attended the Sunday School convention at North Yamhill.

Leonard George is given to profanity. He handed in a paper the other day stating, "German by George."

Nellie Paulsen and Lena Spangle entertained the

girls' club Saturday afternoon, November 17. Each girl was given an opportunity to show her knowledge of Longfellow's poems. Light refreshments were served and every girl reported a very enjoyable time.

The Geometry class is troubling Prof. Crumly, causing him to dream dreams.

The girls have been getting some practice in debating in their club. Some interesting debates have occurred lately.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the sadest are these, it might have been," is the latest chapel talk theme.

Prof. Jones is teaching the young ladies of his French class some queer things. He says to talk French you must fix your mouth as if ready to kiss.

Paul Maris was visited by his brother Owen, Sunday, November 25.

Clem gave the startling news the other day that his "frow" had left him. But we guess it was all talk.

None of the boys have been killed yet working on the gymnasium but one Freshman said he got it worse in the neck when another fellow dropped a hammer on him, than he ever did before. A Senior was also reported seriously injured by being struck by a falling knot-hole but the report is without foundation.

We have been informed that Thanksgiving vacation is a good time to catch up book work.

The regular routine of the Political Economy class has been attended lately by some debates on the subject.

All praise to the boys who have been so valiantly working on the new gymnasium. They have worked

hard but no doubt their efforts will be repaid.

Pres. McGrew attended the Teachers' Association meeting at Portland the 28th, where he had a place on the program.

There is talk of the time for chapel exercises being changed so as to accommodate students who come on the trains but nothing definite has yet been arranged.

John Williams visited his brother at McMinnville College, Friday the 16th.

Exchanges.

We are glad to welcome the Oregon Monthly on our exchange list. It is a neat and well edited paper.

The Tahoma is a spicy paper, but we would suggest that it might be improved upon by leaving advertisements off the exchange page.

The Penn Chronicle of November, contains an excellent article, "The Hope of Russia."

The arrangement of The Record is very good. It is a credit to the High School which it represents, and would compare very favorably with many of the college papers on our exchange table.

We are glad to note the return of the Orange and Black after a year's absence. It comes in a very attractive cover.

The Lake Breeze is indeed a breezy paper this year.

The Wilmingtonian is a newsy and well edited paper. The November issue is especially good.

Mr. Wood—Good morning, Mr. Stone, how is Mrs.

Stone and all the little pebbles?

Mr. Stone—Very well, thank you, how is Mrs. Wood and all the little splinters?

German lady (calling for central) "Har!"

Central—"Well, what is it?."

German lady—"Iss dis der middle?"—Ex.

"Pop, are lawyers always bad tempered?" "Of course not, my son, what made you think so?" "Why the papers are always telling about their cross examinations."—Ex.

Y. M. C. A.

Much interest was taken this year in the special prayer meeting of the week of prayer. Six meetings were held during the week with an average attendance of twelve. An interesting meeting November 28th was led by Calvin Blair '04, an old Y. M. C. A. worker here in college. He brought out the cost of service and endurance required of the Christian in a way that appealed to the young men present.

Every young man in school is wanted in one of the Y. M. C. A. Bible classes. We expect to send two representatives to the state convention to be held in Eugene, December 7, 8 and 9.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. held a joint meeting on Sunday afternoon, November 18th, the beginning of the week of prayer. The meeting was led by Rev. Cash and was most interesting and helpful. The Religious meeting committee have prepared some very attractive topic cards in the shape of the college pennant and tied with the college colors.

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